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SUBJECT: TOLBERT VISIT TO GUINEA

REF: MONROVIA 1316

HAVE LITTLE TO ADD TO REFTEL. VISIT WAS VERY SUDDEN AND TOLBERT THANKED TOURE FOR HIS HOSPITALITY ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. WARM EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES STRESSED BROTHERLY LOVE, WITH ONLY SLIGHT EDGE BEING TOURE'S EMPHASIS UPON IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND TOLBERT'S ANSWER THAT WHILE THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD COMMON OBJECTIVES, IN A FAMILY BROTHERS CAN HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS. AGREE WITH REFTEL THAT VISIT WAS PROBABLY A FENCE-MENDING EXERCISE BY TOLBERT.

2. VIABILITY OF MIFERGUI IRON ORE PROJECT DEPENDS UPON SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON FREIGHT RATES OVER LAMCO RAILROAD, AND THIS WILL BE AN ACUTE ISSUE BETWEEN GUINEA AND LIBERIA UNTIL RESOLVED. NOTE SIAFA SHERMAN, FORMER LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN CONAKRY AND NOW DEPUTY FONMIN IN MONROVIA, IS WELL INFORMED ABOUT THIS
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PROBLEM AND INTENDS WORK TO SOLVE IT. DON'T KNOW IF THIS WAS

DISCUSSED DURING TOLBERT'S VISIT.
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